

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application on the basis of newly amended Claim 4. Claim 4 is the main claim and the remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent upon that one.

The Examiner has rejected the claims as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,760,307 by Howorth (*Howorth*). It is believed that Claims 4 to 6 are clearly distinguishable over this reference.

Independent Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate dependent Claim 8 and the intervening dependent claim 7. Since Claim 8 was found to include allowable subject matter, the rewritten independent Claim 4 should now be allowable. Claims 7-8 have now been canceled.

**Changes to the Specification**

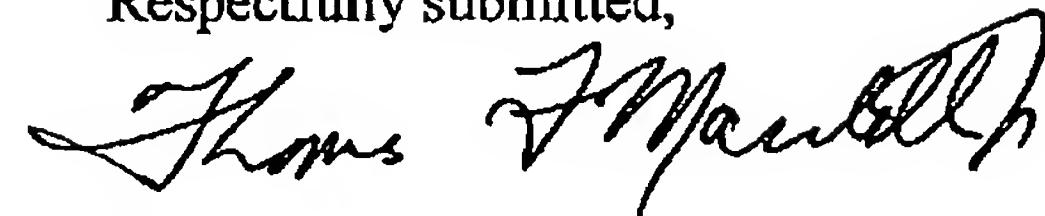
The specification has been changed to correct an error pointed out by the Examiner on page 2 of the subject Office Action.

**Conclusion**

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 4-6.

If there are matters which can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this Application, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the attorney at the number listed below at the Examiner's convenience.

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**Claim(s)**

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A faceplate for an image intensifier tube for reducing veiling glare, comprising:

a blackened blank of optical material of a desired glass composition having a shape that conforms substantially to a configuration of the faceplate to be produced includes processed opposing upper and bottom surfaces;

the processed upper surface of the glass blank being formed having a blackened ring about a light transmissive portion; the light transmissive portion of the processed upper surface being formed by removal of a blackened step portion extending from the upper surface; and,

the processed bottom surface having substantially all blackening removed creating a desired aperture through the glass blank through which aperture light may pass;

the processed upper surface is formed on a cylindrical segment; and,

the step portion that is removed has a diameter less than a diameter of the cylindrical segment.

5. (Original) The invention of claim 4 wherein the upper and lower surfaces are essentially parallel.

6. (Original) The invention of claim 4 wherein the upper and lower surfaces are flat.

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7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled)

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